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Mr. McCone:

For your information the following is a result of a check with old China hands in the Agency and the Department of State:

1. The US has always held that the GRC represents the legitimate government of China.
2. In 1949-50 we did inform Chiang Kai-shek that the US did not intend to become further involved in the "Chinese civil war." We did reduce greatly our military aid to the Nationalists at that time.
3. During this period there was a strong current in favor of withdrawing recognition from the Nationalists or recognizing Taiwan only.
4. However, nothing official was ever done about it. After the Korean invasion in June 1950 the US moved once again to the defense of Taiwan and there was a lessening of interest of change of recognition status.

So far as I can learn, the change in recognition status is not a live issue at this time. Approved For Release 2002/08/21 : CIA-RDP80B01676R000200140059-3

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